List of Cartoon Network pilots

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Shows that were picked up.

2000’s

- Samurai Jack-"The Premiere Movie"
- Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends-"House of Bloo's"
- "Monkey See, Camping Doo" (Camp Lazlo) (lost media) (unaired)
- “Hi Hi Puffy AmiYumi” (pilot) (unaired)
- "My Gym Partner's a Monkey" (2003 pilot) (lost media, Existence unconfirmed) (unaired)
- "A Troubled Lion." (My Gym Partner's a Monkey ,2004) (lost media, Existence unconfirmed) (unaired)
- "Kite Makes Right" (Squirrel Boy) (partially found)
- “Ben 10” (pilot)
- Chowder-"The Froggy Apple Crumple Thumpkin"

2010’s

- Mighty Magiswords "Warriors for Hire" (webisode)
- Mao Mao: Heroes of Pure Heart: "I Love You Mao Mao"-"I Love You Mao Mao: Bao Bao's Revenge"
- “Infinity train” (pilot)
- “Long Live the Royals” (pilot)
- “Get 'Em Tommy” (picked up as web exclusive shorts)

What a Cartoon!

- "Meat Fuzzy Lumkins" (The Powerpuff Girls)
- "Crime 101" (The Powerpuff Girls)
- “Dexter's Laboratory-Changes” (pilot)
- *"The Big Sister" (Dexter's Laboratory)
- *“Old Man Dexter”
- *“Dimwit Dexter”
- “Johnny Bravo” (pilot)
- *Jungle Boy-"Mr. Monkeyman" (Johnny Bravo)
- *"Johnny Bravo and the Amazon Women" (Johnny Bravo)

- "No Smoking" (Cow and Chicken)
- "The Chicken from Outer Space" (Courage the Cowardly Dog)
- "Mike, Lu & Og: Crash Lancelot"

The Cartoon Cartoon Show (1998–2002)

(Note: some of these pilots appeared on Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon.)

- The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy: “Meet the Reaper"[1]
- "Whatever Happened to Robot Jones?" (pilot)[2]
- "Codename: Kids Next Door — No P in the OOL"[3]
- “LowBrow: Test Drive” (Megas XLR.)
- "Sheep in the Big City: In the Baa-ginning"

Cartoonstitute

- “Regular Show” (pilot, Cartoonstitute version)
- “Uncle Grandpa” (Cartoonstitute pilot)

Cartoon Network Shorts Department

- “Clarence” (pilot)
- Tome of the Unknown: "Harvest Melody" (Over The Garden Wall)
- “Lakewood Plaza Turbo” (OK K.O.! Let's Be Heroes)
- “Victor & Valentino” (pilot)
- “Summer Camp Island” (pilot)
- The Fancies: "Fancytown"/"The Beach"
- *"Run Pam Run"/"Sir Tree" (The Fungies)
- Steven Universe- “The Time Thing"
- “Infinity Train” (pilot)
- “Apple & Onion” (pilot)

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[1] (Note: Winner of Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2000).)

[2] (Note: In the Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2000), the pilot had lost at 2nd place.)

[3] Note: Winner of Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2001).

- “We Bare Bears” (pilot)
- “Craig of the Creek” (pilot)
- “Tiggle Winks” (Tig n' Seek)

Cartoon Network Development Studio Europe

- “Gumball” (The Amazing World of Gumball.)

Wedgies

- “The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack” (pilot)

*Not original pilot

The “I‘m only archiving this because these pilots are probably going to be lost in the shuffle of pilots and we don’t want another Me and My Friends incident.” Collection

CN Real

- "Re-Animated" (Out of Jimmy's Head)
- “Level Up (Movie)” -"Level Up"(TV series)
- Incredible Crew-"Class Clowns"

Predecessors to shows that got picked up

- “Mess O' Blues” (Johnny Bravo, lost) (unaired)
- “Billy and Mandy in Trepanation of the Skull and You” (The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy) (Not for kids) (unaired)
- "The Naive Man from Lolliland" (Regular Show)
- "2 in the AM PM" (Regular Show) (Not for kids) (unaired)

Shows that were picked up, but on a different network.

Cartoon Network Shorts Department

- “Twelve Forever” (pilot) (Was later picked up by Netflix.)

Cartoonstitute; Rejected/Unproduced

- "Star and the Forces of Evil" (Star vs. the Forces of Evil) (Part of animatic found) (Was later picked up by Disney channel.)

Cartoon Network Development Studio Europe

- “Pinky Malinky” (2009 Cartoon Network Pilot) (Was later picked up by Netflix.)

Cartoon Cartoons Shorts Program

- “A for angel”
- “Accordions Geoffrey & Mary Melodica”
- “Afternoon Super”
- “Bird & Squirrel”
- “Buttons’ Gamezone”
- “Dang! It’s Dracula”
- “Duck” (Not for kids)
- “Foools”
- “Fruit Stand at the End of the World”
- “Greetings From Samson”
- “Harmony in Despair”
- “Hungry Ghost” *
- “I Love You, Jocelyn”
- “ISCREAM”
- “Madison and Skyler”
- “Mandie Mander” *
- “Maude Macher & Dom Duck”
- “Mouth Wash Madness”

- “Off The Menu”
- “OutRunners”
- “Pig in a Wig”
- “Scaredy Cat” **
- “Sleeping Giants “
- "The All-Nimal” **
- “The Good Boy Report”
- “The Journey to Donut Palace” **
- “Tib Tub, We Need You!” **
- “Turtle Rock” **
- “Unlovable” (Not for kids)
- “Unravel”

**(animatics version available)

Shows that weren’t picked up.

- “The Moxy & Flea Show Pilot” [Segmented]
- “The Groovenians”
- “Private Eye Princess” (Aired as a tv special)
- “Party Wagon “(Aired as a tv special)
- “Project Gilroy” (lost media) (unaired)
- “Spang Ho” (unaired)
- “What's Wrong with Ruth?”
- “Enter Mode 5” (unaired)

(Based on Gabe Swarrthe’s comic "Mode 7" from Play Magazine.)

- “Dynamice” (unaired)
- “Zoot Rumpus” (unaired)
- “Bumble Braynes” (unaired)

What a Cartoon!

- Yuckie Duck- “Short Orders”
- *Yuckie Duck-"I'm on My Way"

- “Out and About”
- George and Junior- “Look Out Below”
- *George and Junior- “George and Junior's Christmas Spectacular”
- "Hard Luck Duck"
- Shake & Flick- “Raw Deal in Rome”[4]
- The Adventures of Captain Buzz Cheeply- “A Clean Getaway”
- O. Ratz with Dave D. Fly- “Rat in a Hot Tin Can"
- Pfish and Chip- “Short Pfuse"
- The Fat Cats-"Drip Dry Drips"
- Yoink! of the Yukon
- Mina and the Count-"Interlude with a Vampire"[5]
- "Boid 'n' Woim"
- Jof-"Help?"
- Podunk Possum-"One Step Beyond"
- "Wind-Up Wolf"
- “Hillbilly Blue”
- Pizza Boy-"No Tip"
- “Gramps”
- Bloo's Gang-"Bow-Wow Buccaneers"
- Godfrey & Zeek-"Lost Control"
- Tumbleweed Tex-"School Daze"
- “Buy One, Get One Free”
- “The Kitchen Casanova”
- “The Ignoramooses”
- “Blammo the Clown”
- “Awfully Lucky”
- “Strange Things”[6]
- “Larry and Steve”
- Sledgehammer O'Possum-"What's Goin' on Back There!?"
- The Zoonatiks-"Home Sweet Home"

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[4] (Note: This short was nominated to be adapted into a series but it lost to Johnny Bravo.)

[5] (Note: Pilot to the Mina and the Count shorts featured throughout Oh Yeah! Cartoons, making it the only short to appear in both cartoon variety shows.)

[6] (Note: The series' only 3D animated short.)

- Swamp and Tad-"Mission Imfrogable"
- “Malcom and Melvin"
- *Malcom and Melvin-"Babe! He… Calls Me"
- “Tales of Worm Paranoia”

The Cartoon Cartoon Show (1998–2002)

(Note, some of these pilots appeared on Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon.)

- Longhair and Doubledome: “Good Wheel Hunting”[7]
- *Longhair and Doubledome: “Where There is Smoke…There's Bob.”
- “Maktar”
- Kenny and the Chimp: “Diseasy Does It! or Chimp 'n' Pox"
- "King Crab: Space Crustacean"
- "Nikki"
- “Foe Paws”
- "Thrillseeker: Putt 'n' Perish"
- "Trevor!: Journey to Sector 5-G"
- "Prickles the Cactus"[8]
- "Lucky Lydia: Club Lydia"
- “Lost Cat”
- Uncle Gus: “For the Love of Monkeys"
- *Uncle Gus: "Not So Fast!"
- "Captain Sturdy: Back in Action!"
- My Freaky Family: "Welcome to My World"[9]
- Major Flake: “Soggy Sale"
- Utica Cartoon: “Hotdog Champeen"
- Swaroop: "Bovine Bliss"
- "Ferret and Parrot"
- A Kitty Bobo Show: “Cellphones"[10]

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[7] (Note: In the Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2000), the pilot had lost at 3rd place.)

[8] (Note: This pilot was later adapted to an interactive short for Cartoon Network Video's anthology series Web Premiere Toons.)

[9] (Note: In the Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2001), the pilot lost in 3rd place.)

[10] (Note: In the Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2001), the pilot lost in 2nd place.)

- "Commander Cork: Space Ranger"
- Jeffrey Cat: Claw and Order — “All Dogs Don't Go to Heaven"
- "Fungus Among Us"
- Colin Versus the World: “Mr. Lounge Lizard” (Cartoon Network Europe)
- “Bagboy!”
- “IMP Inc”
- “Swaroop”
- “Periwinkle”
- “Welcome To Wackamo”
- “Zoot Rumpus”
- “Upstate Four”
- Avery Matthews: “Porch Cow”
- “Ham Shanks and The Himalolly Mountain Railway”
- “The Amazing Adventures of Kid Cole & Klay”

*Not original pilot.

Cartoonstitute

- “Spleenstab”
- “The Awesome Chronicles of Manny and Khan”
- “Meddlen Meadows”
- “The Borneos”
- “Maruined”
- “Yes”
- “Le Door”
- “Baloobaloob's Fun Park”
- “3 Dog Band”
- “Joey to the World” (Not for kids) (unaired)
- “Stock Boys of the Apocalypse” (unaired)
- “Danger Planet”

Cartoon Network Shorts Department

- “Mars Safari!” (Final and Animatic)
- “Paranormal Roommates”
- “Beetle + Bean”

- “The Wonderful Wingits”
- “Cadette In Charge”
- “Splitting Time”
- “Pops and Branwell”
- “Mushroom And The Forest Of The World”
- “Sunshine Brownstone”
- “Legendary Place”
- “Welcome To My Life”
- “Bottom's Butte”
- “AJ's Infinite Summer”
- “Back to Backspace”
- “Pillywag’s Mansion”[11]
- “AJ’s Infinite Summer”
- “My Science Fiction Project”
- “Paranormal Roommates”
- “Jammers”
- “Ridin’ With Burgess”
- “George Gendi”
- “Unlovable”
- “Trick Moon”
- “The Wonderful Wingits”
- “Wild Help”
- “Outrun Express”
- “HUE Chroma Warriors”
- “Spirit Link”
- “Badass Babies”
- “Genie Family”
- “After School Super”

Cartoon Network Shorts Department; International

- “Lasso & Comet”

[11] (Note: The series' only short done with puppetry.)

Cartoon Network Development Studio Europe

- “Elliot's Zoo”
- “Furry Pals”
- “The Amazing Adventures of Kid Cole & Klay”
- “The ATM”
- “COSMO” [12]
- “The Furry Pals”
- “Hamshanks and the Himalolly Mountain Railway”
- “Little Rikke” [13]
- “Mutant Moments”
- “Verne on Vacation”

Cartoonstitute; Rejected/Unproduced

(Note; all pilots on list are unaired)

- "Dynamite Jones" (Lost Media)
- "When Nature Calls" (Part of animatic found)
- "Thundermanns" (Lost Media)
- "The Sloppy Seconds" (Lost Media)
- "The Brand New Super Crazies" (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejecting the scrapped pilots

[12] (Partially Found. Only the opening sequence and some test footages are available.)
[13] (Partially Found. Only the opening and ending credits are available.)

(Note: The scrapped Big Pick pilots weren't given full series because they didn't win.)

- The Groovenians

Reasons for rejection- It had Negative reception from critics and audiences. After the pilot was rejected by Cartoon Network, Kenny Scharf (Creator of said pilot) tried to pitch it to MTV and VH1, but it never materialized.

- Project Gilroy

Reasons for rejection- It did not test well with Cartoon Network staff and executives, causing any plans of a full series to be scrapped.

The Cartoon Cartoon Show (1998–2002)

- A Kitty Bobo Show: "Cellphones"

Reasons for rejection- During the Cartoon Network's Big Pick marathon (2001), the pilot lost at 2nd place. Later In a video by Stay Up Late Productions which featured Meaghan Dunn, the creator of the pilot. She added; *"The network decided to cancel the episode because they felt it was too abstract and artsy for the demographic at the time."* (Dunn, 2021)

- Uncle Gus (Both of the pilots)

(Most likely) Reasons for rejection- According to a lideamagazine article, (Which appears to be some sort of Mexican news website.) Lincoln Peirce said of the first pilot. *"I thought the first "Uncle Gus" short I wrote was hilarious on the page, but it just didn't translate to animation the way I hoped it would."*- (Dossena, 2014) He also said that both pilots would have worked much better as long-format comic books than as animated series.

Cartoon Network Shorts Department

- Pillywag's Mansion (puppet show)

(Most likely) Reasons for rejection- It may have be too expensive to produce into a full series and…well a puppet show on Cartoon network isn't something you would normally see because they (For the most part) have only done animated shows.

Cartoonstitute; Rejected/Unproduced

- "Star and the Forces of Evil" (Star vs. the Forces of Evil)

“CN excs at the time said to Craig McCracken and Rob Renzetti "We don't do girl shows"- Disney Television Animation News

Bonus

number of pilots-223

number of greenlighted pilots-80

number of Cartoon Cartoons Shorts Program shorts- 30

number of unsold pilots-141

Sources

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- Vimeo
- The Cartoon Network Wiki (Fandom)